



Maggie Lawson

Maggie Lawson (born August 12, 1980) is an American actress who is best known for her role as Detective Juliet "Jules" O'Hara in the television series *Psych*, and its subsequent film series. From 2018 to 2019, she held the recurring role of Natalie Flynn in the third and final season of Fox's *Lethal Weapon*.

Early life, family and education

Lawson was born on August 12, 1980, in Louisville, Kentucky and was raised there as well.^[4] She began performing onstage at age eight.

Career

Lawson started her career in community and dinner theater productions. She became a youth TV host on WDRB Fox 41 Kid's Club in Louisville. She relocated to Los Angeles for her first television pilot at 15.^[5]

Lawson performed in various sitcoms like *Cybill*, *Boy Meets World* and *Home Improvement* throughout her early career in both guest starring and supporting roles. She also made guest appearances on television series such as *Smallville* and *Fear Itself*, and co-starred in *It's All Relative* and *Crumbs*.

For *The Wonderful World of Disney*, Lawson starred in a double role in *Model Behavior* featuring Justin Timberlake. She portrayed Nancy Drew in the 2002 film *Nancy Drew*. Other film credits include *Pleasantville*, *Nice Guys Sleep Alone* and *Cleaner*.

From 2006 to 2014, Lawson co-starred in the USA Network original series *Psych*, as Detective Juliet "Jules" O'Hara. She reprised her role in 2017 in *Psych: The Movie*, in *Psych 2: Lassie Come Home* in 2020 and *Psych 3: This Is Gus*, in 2021.^[6]

In 2011, Lawson briefly returned to her roots in theater to star in the play *Greedy*, directed by her then-partner and *Psych* co-star James Roday. It ran for a few weekends in Los Angeles.

Following *Psych*, she scored leading roles in ABC's 2013 sitcom *Back in the Game*, CBS's 2014 sitcom pilot *Save the Date* and CBS's 2016 fantasy sitcom *Angel from Hell*. She also had short arcs on *Two and a Half Men*, *The Great Indoors*, and Netflix's *The Ranch*. Also for Netflix, Lawson starred in the recurring

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Lawson at San Diego Comic-Con in 2013

Born	<u>Margaret Cassidy Lawson</u> August 12, 1980^[1] <u>Louisville, Kentucky, U.S.</u>
Occupation	Actress
Years active	1996–present
Spouse	<u>Ben Koldyke</u> (<u>m.</u> 2015; <u>div.</u> 2017)^{[2][3]}
Partner	<u>James Roday Rodriguez</u> (2006–2014)

role of Christa on the second and third seasons of horror-comedy series *Santa Clarita Diet* as well as the movie *Spivak* in 2018.

For Hallmark Channel, Lawson has starred in *My Favorite Wedding* and *Christmas Encore* in 2017, *The Story of Us* and *Christmas in Evergreen: Tidings of Joy* in 2019.

Lawson starred in a recurring role as Dr. Natalie Flynn on the third season of *Lethal Weapon* and was featured in *Treehouse*, the sixth episode of Hulu's monthly horror movie anthology *Into The Dark*.

In 2020, she played Kay, the female lead opposite Jason Biggs, in the FOX comedy series *Outmatched*, "about a blue-collar couple [...] in South Jersey trying to get by and raise four kids, three of whom just happen to be certified geniuses."^[7]

Personal life

Throughout the series run of *Psych* (2006–2014), Lawson was in a relationship with series lead James Roday Rodriguez.^{[8][9]}

On November 14, 2014, Lawson became engaged to *Back in the Game* co-star Ben Koldyke^[10] and married him on August 8, 2015, on his family's ranch in New Mexico. In early 2017, Lawson filed for divorce from Koldyke.^[11]

Filmography

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1996–1997	<u><i>Unhappily Ever After</i></u>	Madelyn	4 episodes
1996	<u><i>Hang Time</i></u>	Kim	1 episode
1997	<u><i>Step by Step</i></u>	Alana Mills	1 episode
	<u><i>Boy Meets World</i></u>	Debbie	1 episode
	<u><i>Meego</i></u>	Brooke	1 episode
	<u><i>Cybill</i></u>	Jennifer	12 episodes
1998	<u><i>Home Improvement</i></u>	Samantha Hayes	1 episode
	<u><i>Kelly Kelly</i></u>	Ally	1 episode
	<u><i>Pleasantville</i></u>	Lisa Anne	Theatrical film
	<u><i>I've Been Waiting for You</i></u>	Debbie Murdock	Television film
1999	<u><i>Party of Five</i></u>	Alexa	Recurring role
	<u><i>Nice Guys Sleep Alone</i></u>	Meghan	
	<u><i>ER</i></u>	Shannon Mitchell	1 episode
	<u><i>Family Rules</i></u>	Hope Harrison	6 episodes
	<u><i>Working</i></u>	Julie	1 episode
	<u><i>Felicity</i></u>	Rebecca	1 episode
2000	<u><i>Model Behavior</i></u>	Alex Burroughs/Janine Adams	Television film
2001	<u><i>The Third Degree</i></u>	Jolie	Television film
2001–2002	<u><i>Inside Schwartz</i></u>	Eve	Main
2002	<u><i>Nancy Drew</i></u>	<u>Nancy Drew</u>	Television film
	<u><i>Cheats</i></u>	Julie Merkel	Television film
	<u><i>Heart of a Stranger</i></u>	Amanda Maddox	Television film
	<u><i>Smallville</i></u>	Chrissy/Missy Parker	1 episode
2003	<u><i>Winter Break</i></u>	Michelle Casper	
2003–2004	<u><i>It's All Relative</i></u>	Liz Stoddard-Banks	Main cast
2004	<u><i>Spellbound</i></u>	A mortal woman	Television film
	<u><i>Love Rules!</i></u>	Kelly	Television film
	<u><i>Revenge of the Middle-Aged Woman</i></u>	Rachel	Television film
2005	<u><i>Tru Calling</i></u>	Megan Roberts	1 episode
2006	<u><i>Crumbs</i></u>	Andrea Malone	Series regular
2006–2014	<u><i>Psych</i></u>	<u>Juliet O'Hara</u>	Main cast
2007	<u><i>Cleaner</i></u>	Cherie	
	<u><i>Rules of Engagement</i></u>	Jesse	1 episode

2008	<i><u>Fear Itself</u></i>	Samantha	1 episode
2009	<i><u>Still Waiting...</u></i>	Allison	Direct to DVD
	<i><u>Killer Hair</u></i>	Lacey Smithsonian	Television film
	<i><u>Hostile Makeover</u></i>	Lacey Smithsonian	Television film
	<i><u>Gamer</u></i>	Female News Host #1	
2010	<i><u>A Date with Diana</u></i>	Diana	Shortfilm
2012	<i><u>Justified</u></i>	Layla	1 episode
2013–2014	<i><u>Back in the Game</u></i>	Terry Gannon Jr.	Series lead
2014	<i><u>Save the Date</u></i>	Kate	Television pilot
2014–2015	<i><u>Two and a Half Men</u></i>	Ms. McMartin	12 episodes
2016	<i><u>Angel from Hell</u></i>	Allison	Series lead
2017	<i><u>The Great Indoors</u></i>	Rachel	4 episodes
	<i><u>My Favorite Wedding</u></i>	Tess Harper	Television film
	<i><u>Psych: The Movie</u></i>	<u>Juliet O'Hara</u>	TV movie
	<i><u>Christmas Encore</u></i>	Charlotte Lacy	Television film
2017–2018	<i><u>The Ranch</u></i>	Jen	7 episodes
2018	<i><u>Spivak</u></i>	Jeanine Mulholland	Netflix film
	<i><u>Santa Clarita Diet</u></i>	Christa	4 episodes
2018–2019	<i><u>Lethal Weapon</u></i>	Natalie Flynn	Recurring
2019	<i><u>The Story of Us</u></i>	Jamie Vaughn	Television film
	<i><u>Into the Dark</u></i>	Rebecca Wheeler	Episode: " <u>Treehouse</u> "
	<i><u>Christmas in Evergreen: Tidings of Joy</u></i>	Katie Connell	Television film
2020	<i><u>Outmatched</u></i>	Kay	Series lead
	<i><u>Psych 2: Lassie Come Home</u></i>	<u>Juliet O'Hara</u>	TV film
2021	<i><u>Psych 3: This Is Gus</u></i>	<u>Juliet O'Hara</u>	
	<i><u>A Lot Like Christmas</u></i>	Jessica Roberts	TV film
2024	<i><u>Sugarplummed</u></i>	Emily Mitchell	TV film

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